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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the pending abstract of the disclosure as follows:

-- A heavy-duty clamp for a hose includes a loop, for disposing around the hose, which has two axially spaced apart looped ends. The clamp has a force generator, for drawing together the two looped ends, and which is connected to the two looped ends. The force generator has at least one disc spring mounted thereon that is made out of steel corrosion resistant material to allow substantially high and constant clamping force from the force generator under expansion and contraction of the hose over temperature operational condition of the clamp and the hose and humidity operational condition over time. A spacer member is mounted on the force generator between the disc spring and one of the looped ends for axially transferring the clamping force from the force generator to the looped ends. The clamping force axially draws together the looped ends so as to clamp the hose. --